

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, August 10, 2004

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez

Kurt Schatz David Marcotte

Ed Pacheco-School Committee Liaison

Alice Lavigne

Excused: Albert Musso

Absent: Joyce Wolfe, Al Low and William Andrews- Town Council

Liaison

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the Burrillville Town Hall.

Minutes of July 12, 2004 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept was made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business:

Burrillville Girls Softball League

The Director reviewed three letters. The first letter from the Director

was on behalf of the Subcommittee requesting additional information from the Burrillville Girls Softball League, the second letter is Burrillville Girls Softball Leagues response to the Directors letter and the third is the Directors letter, which was sent registered and certified mail, responding to the Burrillville Girls Softball League's letter. Alice Lavigne asked if the green certified mail card verifying receipt had been received. The Director stated that the return receipt card had not been received as of yet. The Director explained that in the third letter to the Burrillville Girls Softball League it was stated that budgetary information was going to be requested in the near future from all the leagues and not just the Burrillville Girls Softball League. The league had stated that they felt they were being discriminated against because of the requested budget, insurance, and N.Y.S.C.A. information.

The Director said a meeting with all the members of the league executive boards will take place clarifying the required budget criteria being requested. The existing subcommittee will make the decision of what the criteria will be requested from the leagues and bring it back to the entire commission for review and adoption. The first meeting will decide what questions will be asked in a letter to the leagues. The subcommittee is comprised of Recreation Committee member Kurt Schatz, Allan Low and David Marcotte and the Director. The Director asked if anyone else wanted to be on the subcommittee.

Alice Lavigne made the motion that the subcommittee meet to decide

on the criteria requested to be reviewed the Recreation Commission. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Motion passed 5-0.

A meeting of the subcommittee was scheduled for Monday, August 30th at the Burrillville Community Recreation Center (Beckwith-Bruckshaw Lodge) at 6:30 p.m. An e-mail to the subcommittee and postings of the meeting will be at the Town Hall and on the town website. The agenda will state the reason for the meeting. Kurt Schatz stated the subcommittee should first address the Burrillville Softball League issue and then focus on the criteria for the budget process. The Director stated the subcommittee could just state that the Burrillville Softball issue would be handled through the new subcommittee criteria for the budget process for the disbursement of funds.

The agenda for the subcommittee will read that both the Burrillville Girls Softball League issue and the criteria for the disbursement of funds will be listed. The Director stated that some of the criteria needed would be a list of the governing board names, charter name and number, copy of bylaws, copy of governing board bylaws, etc. Edward Pacheco stated that he will supply some information from another organization utilizes to help in the decision process.

Duck Race

The race is schedule for September 12th. The Director requested any

ticket returns from the commission members. Alice Lavigne asked for more tickets to sell.

Hauser Field/Branch River Parks

The Director reported that a neighbor of the Hauser Field project complained on the cosmetics of the safety netting.

The Director toured the facility with the Champlin Foundation. They were impressed with the amount of funds raised for the project, since they have had more requests from other municipalities than ever. They also stated they cannot guarantee funding the grant request but were very impressed with the facility. A letter was then received stating the grant request was then referred to the distribution committee.

The Director met with the Pascoag Utility District Manager Ted Garrille regarding the installation of a new electric pole needed to get power to the new restroom building. The new electric needed is three-phase but there is no three phase on Howard Avenue. Ted Garrille questioned why the electrical engineer didn't meet with the Pascoag Utility District when preparing the plans. If three- phase is to be required it could cost in 5 figure range. It is still possible to change from three-phase but it would have to be discussed with the general contractor at the next site meeting at 8:00 a.m. on August 12th.

Ted Garrille did try to contact the electrical engineer on the plans but he has since gone out of business with the general contractor now working with Gaskill as the electrical contractor. Ted Garrille is also authorizing the donation of a needed light fixture for Branch River Park from the Pascoag Utility District due to the misplacement of another fixture bought by the Parks and Recreation Department previously.

Spring Lake Beach

The Director reviewed the July Spring Lake Beach report with the commission. She reported that the numbers are down some from July of last year but due to better weather in August, the numbers should bounce back. There was also an increase in rentals from the previous year. The Recreation Center (Beckwith-Bruckshaw Lodge) has also surpassed the \$5,000 mark, which is higher than any other year, for rentals.

With the completion of the new parking area across from the Champlin Recreation Hall at Spring Lake Beach this Fall, Recreation Hall at Spring Lake, consideration should be given to winterizing the building for year round use. Over the winter months the Recreation Commission will have to review what criteria will be utilized for the new campground at Spring Lake Beach.

Skate Park

The plans for the new skateboard park are still in the works. The Director met with the Superintendent to see about utilizing an area next to A.T. Levy School. She said it could be used but not be paved. The Director will meet with Mark St. Pierre again to review other possibilities and with skateboard equipment company to see if the area was enlarged could it be utilized for both the skateboard park and life flight pad. Edward Pacheco stated he would review the new Callahan School renovation plans with the Director to see how it would affect the skateboard park plans.

Creative Theatre

The Director reported that the program was a nice experience with the children having a great time. The department is hoping to do it again next. A thank you was extended the Burrillville Arts Association for their contribution to the program. Twenty students attended for the younger group and five for the older group. Next year the attendance will be higher. An after school program will also be sought. Dave Marcotte mentioned the article in the paper about the art classes held at the Recreation Center.

MVP Baseball

The Director reported the MVP Baseball Camp went well with 28

attending for the first year. They were well organized and the instructors would like to hold the program again next summer.

New Business:

Totem Pole by Ann Gosselin

The Director shared a drawing from Ann Gosselin of the proposed totem pole to be placed at Spring Lake Beach. David Marcotte asked if all the questions regarding the Indian heritage were answered. The Director stated all those questions had been answered.

Snakes Alive Road Race

The Director reported that the plans for this year's 5K Road Race scheduled for Sunday, October 10th are well underway. The date was moved back one week since the Director will be out of town on the regular scheduled week. All the letters asking for support to local businesses have been sent. Letters to the previous race participants have also been mailed. Consideration of hiring the timing company to handle the entire race day in the future is being reviewed. Edward Pacheco suggested that maybe Pam Watts of channel 12 could be MC of the race. Jim Moran has also been considered as MC. At last Thursday's meeting it was reviewed that the shirts and trophies have been ordered.

2005 League Budget Requests

The procedure for the 2005 League Budget requests has been referred to the subcommittee for review.

Open Space Conservation and Recreation Plan

The Director gave a copy to the commission members for their review. The changes to the plan are from the commissions recommendations given at previous meetings. Tom Kravitz and the Director worked on the plan regarding the redistricting and the action plan. The Director reviewed the proposed changes and made note that the skateboard park dates are incorrect. A senior activity room is planned for the Stillwater Mill project. A senior/teen center is proposed for the future in the plans also. The plan for the project behind the recreation center is in the planning stage.

The Director requested the commission review the plan and let her know of any needed changes by the September 8th Town Council meeting. The next time the plan is reviewed a committee will be formed to review the 5 year plan.

Kurt Schatz mentioned the tennis courts next to the Burrillville High School are being highly utilized.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 13th, 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.

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